

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2512 without my signature.

This bill would authorize adopted courses of study in social sciences to include instruction on World War II and the role of Filipinos in that war.

While I respect the author's intent to recognize the phenomenal contributions of Filipinos during World War II, State content standards and curriculum frameworks are necessarily broad, allowing for coverage of many important historical events and cultural developments. Current law already allows schools to incorporate in their social science instruction the role of Filipinos during World War II. I believe it is important for the State to refrain from prescribing too much of the details of school curriculum.

For these reasons, I cannot support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger